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Traditional greek houses offer more than mainstream experience

Jakki Thompson
assistant news editor

The greek community at K-State is twofold. One part of being greek involves the non-traditional side with the Divine Nine, traditionally African-American fraternities and sororities, and the progressive sorority and fraternity, for LGBT students and straight allies. The other part of greek life is as part of the traditional houses.

Rushing traditional greek life at K-State includes tour-

me to join. It is a system when you are coming into college. That is important when you are coming from a school where your graduating class is like 20 kids and you're coming here. It was easier to make friends."

Reymond said most people who talk negatively about traditional greek life have never truly experienced it. She said there are people in greek houses who are the stereotype of what it means to be traditional greek, but there are so many more people who truly care about the principles of the

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Katherine Gallion
freshman memeber of Alpha Delta Pi sorority

ing all of the houses before the start of the fall semester. Then houses bid for students. As a student, you choose which house you want to be a part of out of all of the offered bids.

"Originally, I didn't want to be greek," said Katherine Gallion, member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and freshman in open option. "I did look into it some, but it was not a deciding factor when I came to college. I thought it could be something really good, so I did more research about it, and the more I thought of it, the more I thought about the experiences I could get out of it."

In traditional greek life, the greek houses tend to be much larger, as well as actually having a house near campus where members can live together. Nontraditional houses tend to have much smaller pledge classes, whereas traditional houses tend to have more than 100 people rush at one time.

"My mom was in a sorority," said Harriet Reymond, member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and freshman in apparel design. "She really encouraged

house and the philanthropy that the house supports.

As most traditional houses have more than 100 members, students who rush traditional greek houses are able to meet many new people.

"I went the route of traditional greek because of the involvement of the organizations," said Cody Howard, member of Lambda Chi Alpha and sophomore in public relations. "Since I didn't rush until my sophomore year, it really helped with my involvement. It also allowed me to create a network within the greek system."

Whether students choose traditional or nontraditional greek life, they will have the opportunity to be a part of something larger than themselves.

"To me, being traditional greek means being involved in a community where people are bonded together by things that are bigger than themselves," Gallion said. "We grow as people with the relationships we make with other people. We do this all while helping others and having a lot of fun."



The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house is located at 1015 Denison Ave. The fraternity was chartered at K-State on Jan. 25, 1913.



The Chi Omega sorority house is located near the east side of campus and the residence halls on 1516 McCain Lane. Chi Omega was founded at K-State on Sept. 21, 1915.



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-Enjoy cotton candy, games and photos with Willie Wildcat, east side of Calvin Hall.

AGRICULTURE:

- Tour the University Gardens.

- Stop by Shellenberger Hall to purchase scrumptious baked goods and practice rolling pretzels.
- Be one of the first 300 participants to complete the scavenger hunt and get a free T-shirt.

ARTS AND SCIENCES:

-Visit the Rock Climbing Wall on Bosco Plaza.
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K-State First program offers freshmen educational, social experiences

Mitchell Keller
staff writer

For many first-year students, succeeding at a university the size of K-State seems like a daunting task. With large class sizes and an entire campus full of new people, new students might not always know where to turn. K-State First is there to help.

The K-State First program is intended specifically to help new students connect with others and establish a strong network for the rest of their college career.

"We really focus on success within the programs, and our main goal is to make students successful, and I feel like we are definitely seeing that," said Laura Foote, assistant coordinator for K-State First.

Based on four different programs, K-State First is meant not only to help K-State students academically, but also to help them flourish on a social

level.

The first program included in K-State First is K-State's first-year seminars, which were implemented in 2008. Since then, the number of students enrolled in first-year seminars has grown dramatically. In 2008, 207 students were enrolled in first-year seminars. That number has grown significantly; 738 students are projected to fill first-year seminars in the fall 2012 semester.

For many students who are accustomed to smaller class sizes, the first-year seminars offer academic courses with no more than 22 students per class. First-year seminars give students a great opportunity to connect with professors and fellow students in a small classroom setting.

"I was actually geared more towards transferring after my first semester at K-State," said Danny Foster, sophomore in secondary education and education chair for the Student

Advisory Council of K-State First. "I took two first-year seminars and it completely changed my experience. I still talk to the professors from those seminars, as well as most of the students, and we've really become good friends."

Another one of the K-State First programs is Connecting Across Topics communities, commonly referred to as CAT communities. Like first-year seminars, CAT communities contain no more than 22 students. Instead of attending various classes throughout the semester, students in CAT communities attend two large lectures together, then attend a third class that connects those two classes.

"Our students in CAT communities are assembled based on interest or pre-professional focus," said Emily Lehning, co-director of K-State First and assistant vice president of student life. "The CAT communities allow students to meet

other students with similar interests and the same academic area as themselves."

Another benefit for students in CAT communities is their choice of living arrangements. Students in the same CAT community can be placed in the residence halls together if they prefer.

Another K-State First program is the K-State Book Network. Unlike the other programs in K-State First, this program is not limited to first-year students. Each year, a committee chooses a common book for the entire student body to read. At times, some teachers choose to incorporate the lessons from the book into their lectures.

The KSBN common book chosen for this upcoming year is "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks," written by Rebecca Skloot. The nonfiction book tells the true story of a poor black woman whose cells were used without her knowl-

edge for advances in medicine, like the polio vaccination and cloning. Though Lacks has been dead for over 60 years, her cells still live on today and are still used in science.

The newest K-State First program is the Guide to Personal Success program, or GPS. In the GPS program, students are paired with a K-State faculty or staff member, a recent graduate or a graduate student who serves as a personal mentor.

"I see our guides as a resource and also as just a good listener," Foote said. "When it's that week of your first midterms in college, your guide can be there to just talk to and hang out with, instead of another student who is just as busy as you are."

Unlike an academic adviser, a guide in the GPS program is not involved with the student's final academic decisions.

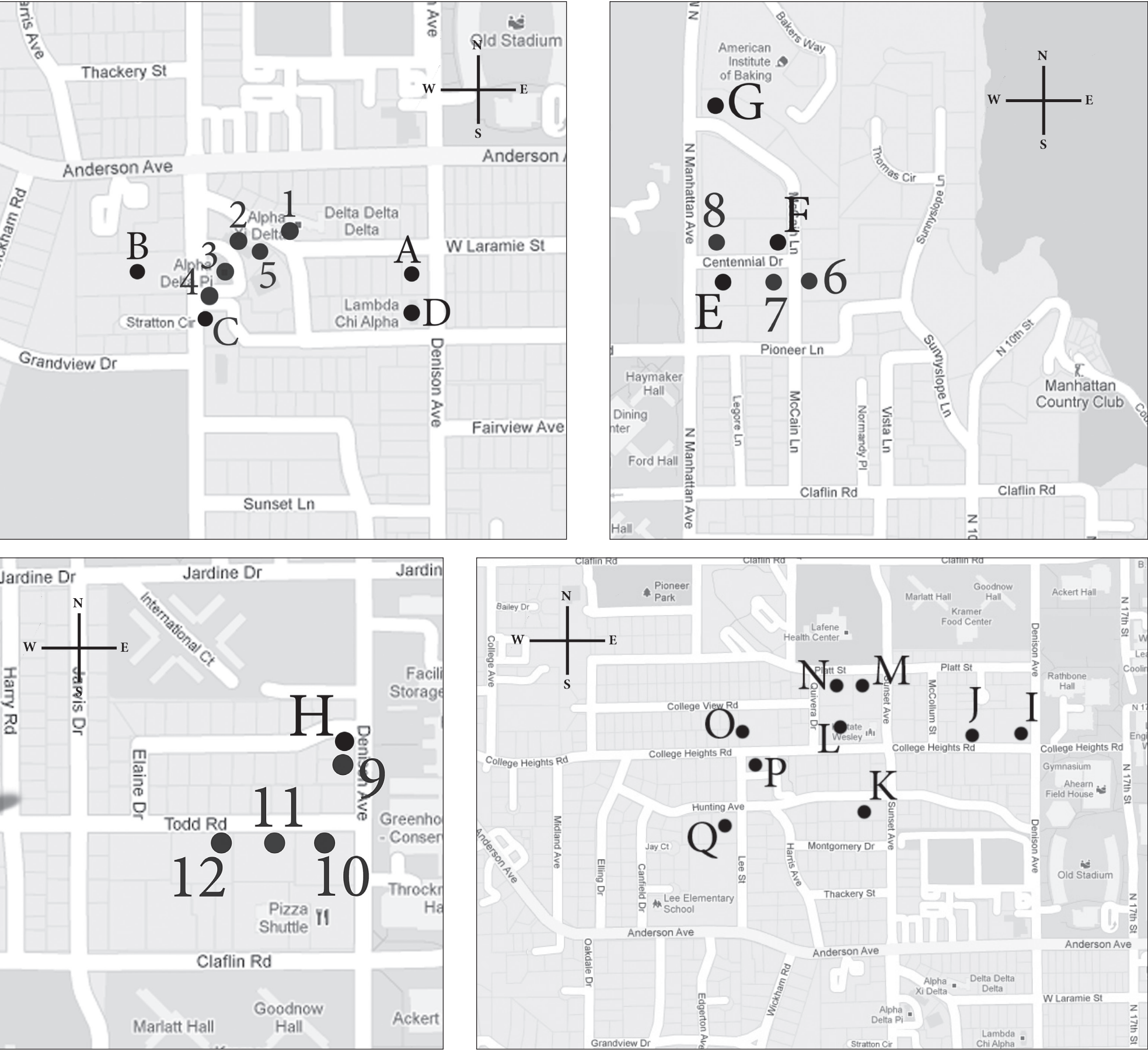
"Our guides may be active participants in the conversa-

tion leading up to academic decisions, such as changing your major," Foote said. "But we leave the advisers to make the final decisions and changes. Our guides also might meet off campus and have more of a chance to connect on a personal level."

When students and guides first decide to join the GPS program, they fill out an informational survey. Then, Foote personally matches every student in the GPS program with a guide based on the similar interests found in the surveys. Students can also request a certain type of guide if they have a personal preference.

"It can change your entire experience," Foster said. "Making a difference is what K-State is all about, and K-State First is that first stepping stone to making a huge difference. If you can get involved in the K-State First programs, do it. You're never going to regret it."

SORORITY AND FRATERNITY MAP



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Students should tailor involvement toward interests



Tim Schrag
A professor I respect has a saying that seems to come up every time we speak: "Don't let your education get in the way of your education." The point is that extracurricular activities can be just as important as "ivory tower" classroom work. This "you only live once" attitude seems to fit well in the collegiate atmosphere. Truth be told, I would be lying if I said I have never skipped class to do work for an extracurricular activity. However, I still learned a lot from doing those things ... in some instances, probably more than I would have if I

attended the class I skipped. The whole point of a collegiate education is to become a more well-rounded, knowledgeable person who can contribute to society as a result of knowledge gained. Much of that takes place outside of the classroom. The best way to get involved is to follow your passion. Last fall, a friend of mine started a grassroots food drive simply because she saw a need to do so. My sophomore year, a student saw the need to throw a rave in Hale Library to relieve stress. I've also seen campus groups do some remarkable things; this year K-State Proud raised more than \$110,000 for their fellow students, Rolling Stone named one of my colleagues at the Collegian the 2010 student journalist of the year, KSDB-FM 91.9 took home more Kansas Association of Broadcasters awards than any other school in the

state this year and we have a nationally successful debate team. All of these are examples of passionate people making the most of their time here. Surround yourself with others who are just as passionate and let the creativity flow. I see so many passionate people when I walk across campus holding fundraisers, working with each other to gain professional experience and trying to better themselves. I personally have had some wonderful opportunities with the Collegian and as a class leader for Introduction to Leadership Concepts. Although they have also caused me stress and frustration at times, those opportunities have made me a stronger person and helped me make new friends that I wouldn't have known otherwise. Needless to say, up until this semester I've rarely had a dull moment. Looking back I kind of miss being so busy I could

barely think. Getting involved helped me exit my comfort zone, learn more about others and challenge myself to rise to the level of my colleagues and help build others up as well. The great thing about K-State is if there isn't a club or organization devoted to your cause, issue or interest, it is not that hard to start one; it simply takes four other similarly-interested students and a full-time member of the faculty, staff or administration to serve as the group's adviser. With more than 450 clubs and organizations on campus, there really is something for everybody here. Keeping all this in mind, being involved doesn't have to mean you belong to a cause, club or organization, it just means you don't spend all your time cooped up studying. If belonging to a club is not your style, participate in campus life, attend K-State sponsored events, donate your time to

helping others, stay informed on campus issues or ask questions regularly to people at booths on campus. There really isn't one specific way to get involved, but if you feel like you have more things to do than hours of the day, odds are you're probably doing it right. **Tim Schrag is a senior in journalism and digital media. Please send comments to edge@kstatecollegian.com.**

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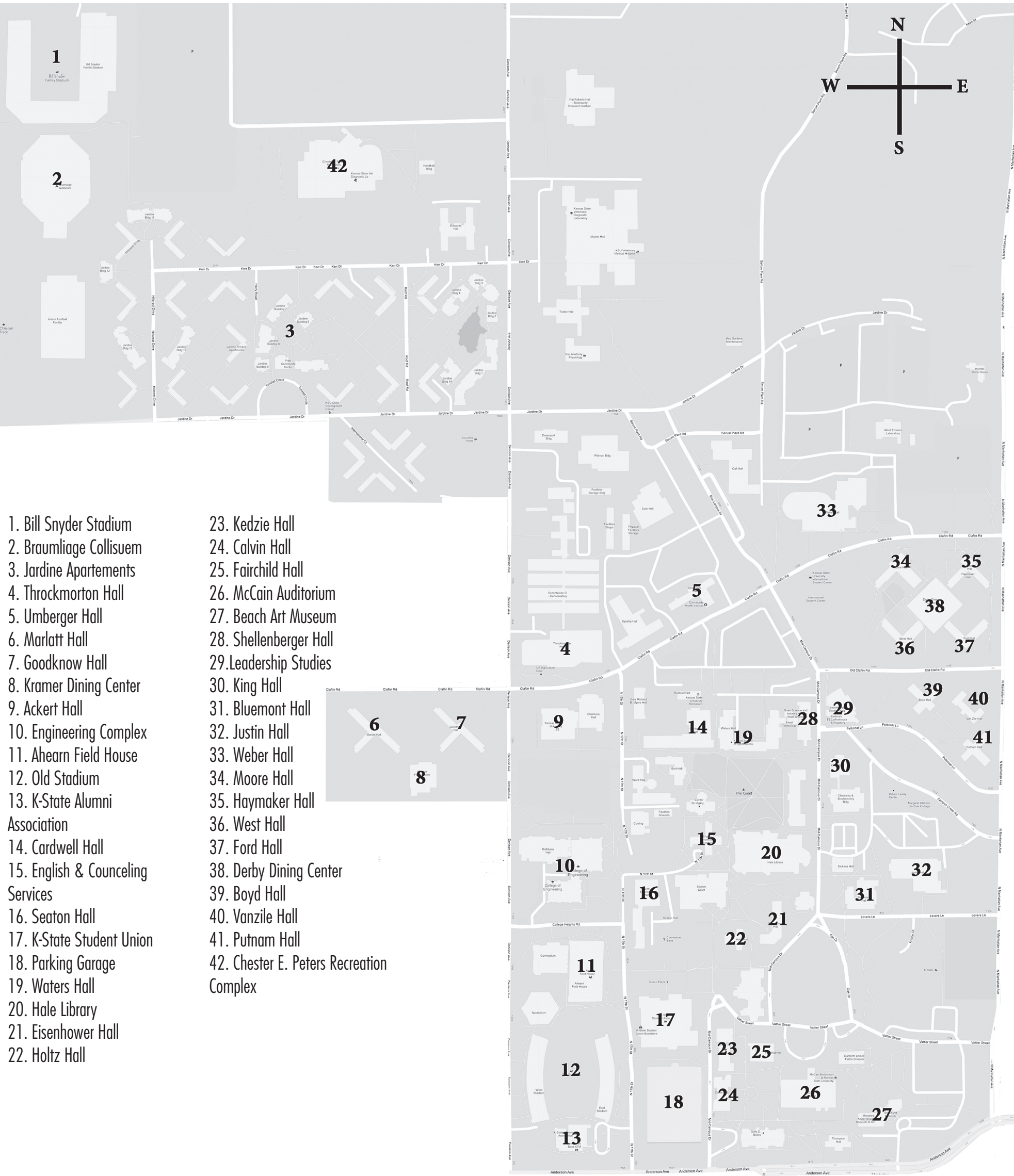
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What is your favorite thing to do as a K-State student?

One of the main reasons that I decided to attend K-State was because of the wide variety of outlets that the university offers to develop your personality. In addition to writing for Collegian, I have been able to join several other organization that has helped me to form a tight-knit circle of friends and develop skills that will help me prepare for my career. I love the family that K-State offers to students and faculty; going to the football and basketball and celebrating victories with the sea of purple is proof of that. A lot of people, unfortunately, look at Manhattan and see a lack of things to do. I think they're wrong because my experience at K-State has proven otherwise. I know that when I look back on my college days, I'll remember them with a smile because Manhappenin' is, and always will be, one of the best places to be.



Andy Rao, news editor

My favorite thing to do at K-State is to surround myself in the family atmosphere. I love how everyone is so connected and it feels like I'm a part of one huge family. I think it's great that there are so many opportunities to get involved with something that you really love and are interested in. I have accomplished so much and have made many new friends while being active with PRSSA and the Collegian. K-State has been an amazingly rewarding place for me for the past five years.



Holly Grannis, social media editor

Quite honestly, my favorite thing to do as a K-State student is interact with other students and faculty members. I feel as though I've really gotten to know several professors and students within my area of study, and I truly appreciate their input, support and enthusiasm. In my experience, the staff and faculty at K-State have been extremely knowledgeable, personable and accessible, which greatly contributed to my decision to attend K-State for graduate school.



Kaylea Pallister, opinion editor

My favorite thing to do at K-State is be on campus. I have found that getting involved, staying busy, visiting with professors and studying in the library can open so many doors to new opportunities in school and for the future. There are innumerable opportunities available for students and I try to take advantage of them as much as I can. K-Staters are friendly, helpful and knowledgeable.



Caroline Sweeney, editor in chief

My favorite thing to do at K-State is get involved in the awesome sports environment the university provides. Going to all the basketball games, tailgating at football games and playing for the women's club soccer team have all been highlights of my time here. Having the opportunity to work with the Collegian and get an inside look at K-State Athletics is a great experience that I never get tired of. I transferred here during my sophomore year of college and I quickly found out the family environment at K-State makes everything you do enjoyable. Whether it is going to class or hanging out at the Union, the people here are hard to beat.



Kelly McHugh, sports editor

When I first stepped on the K-State campus last June for orientation and registration, I just took it in for everything it was. So, I absolutely love everything about just walking around campus. I love the people on campus and how everyone will make eye contact with you and give you a quick smile as you pass one another. I love looking at all of the buildings and seeing the old architecture that exists here. When I first came here, I was an out-of-state student, so I started completely anew. But once I got acclimated to the campus, I found so many niches of people I enjoy being around. Now, I constantly see them around campus, and everyone is willing to stop and catch up quickly while walking from point A to point B.



Jakki Thompson, assistant news editor

What I have liked most about being a K-State student is meeting new people. Being in a sorority has been an important aspect in my college career to help me break out of my shell. I have experienced getting to know my friends better throughout my four years here and am a bridesmaid for several of them. I am honored to have found a home at KSU and a place where I belong. I am excited to come back for games as an alumna with all of the friends I have made here. I am a Wildcat forever.



Danielle Worthen, design editor

I love myself some good ol' campus creeping. It's the art of filling a vehicle with as many close friends as possible and cruising K-State's beautiful campus in pursuit of finding any and all students without earbuds in their ears to make friends with. It wouldn't be possible at schools like KU or Missouri because the campus is too spread out, but in Manhattan it's easy because everything is so close. It's the best activity I'd recommend for everyone.



Kelsey Castanon, managing editor

For me, K-State has been all about getting involved. K-State offers so much for everyone to do, that it's a shame not to use everything you're given. Going out to campus sponsored events with friends is probably the most fun I've had here yet. K-State provides an environment to try out whatever you want, and now is the perfect time for you to go out and see if what you want to do is for you. A year ago today, if you'd told me that I was going to be an editor for a newspaper, a singer in an cappella group, a great student and still have time to love hanging out with my friends, I'd have laughed at you. Here I am! I guess you could say my favorite thing to do as a K-State student is seize every opportunity given to me.



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RIGHT: Anderson Hall is home to the K-State administration. It houses the Office of the President and the Office of Admissions. It was built in 1879 and was originally the Practical Agriculture Building. It was named after the university's second president, John Alexander Anderson, who served from 1873-1879.

TOP: The tower of Fairchild Hall stands out against the pale pink and blue April sky. Fairchild Hall houses the Graduate School offices, International Programs and the Office of Student Financial Assistance. It was built in 1894 with a minor addition in 1903. It was named George T. Fairchild, who served as K-State's third president.

BOTTOM: The Japanese language program's project to help the victims of the March 11, 2011, Tohoku earthquake and tsunami hangs on the first floor of Eisenhower Hall. The students will have a table at the K-State Student Union during Open House.

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Nontraditional greek life provides options for incoming students

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Pursuing greek life is an idea that crosses many incoming students' minds, but at K-State, there are many options available to students outside of the traditional path. Nontraditional houses at K-State include those labeled the "Divine Nine," governed by the National Pan-Hellenic Council. There is also one progressive sorority and one progressive fraternity for LGBT students and straight allies.

"One of the biggest differences between traditional and nontraditional greek houses is that nontraditional, specifically the Divine Nine, maximize your potential."

Vuna Adams III
sophomore in accounting and finance, president of Alpha Pi Alpha fraternity

"One of the biggest differences between traditional and nontraditional greek houses is that nontraditional, specifically the Divine Nine, maximize your potential," said Vuna Adams III, sophomore in accounting and finance and president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. "Also, it is a lot smaller of a house and creates a more intimate family feeling. You get to know the people in your house on a much more personal level."

During traditional greek rush week, students tour all of the houses that are available at K-State and the houses bid for the people whom they want to be a part of their houses. In nontraditional houses, students are able to pick which house they want to be a part of and rush.

"People need to consider all aspects of a greek house before they pledge," said Damien Thompson, senior in life sciences and president of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. "We encourage people to go to multiple informational meetings for the Divine Nine fraternities and sororities. We don't want to close anyone in to one particular house. We make it up to them to make their own decision for themselves."

Something most students have to consider before pledging a Divine Nine fraternity or sorority is that it is a lifetime commitment. Members of local chapters are strongly encouraged to become a member of an alumni chapter.

"For an 18-year-old, that type of lifetime commit-



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The Omega Psi Phi fraternity will be welcomed back to K-State in the fall 2012 semester. This fraternity is a part of the Divine Nine, under the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and was originally chartered at K-State in 1972. From left to right: **Caleb Taylor**, sophomore in biology, **Eric Coulter**, junior in pre-journalism and mass communication, **Byron Brown**, junior in social sciences, and **Jonathan Coleman**, sophomore in open option.

ment can be hard," said Angie Muhwezi, senior in biology and president of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. "I think we are misunderstood. Students see us stepping and strolling and other entertainment aspects rather than the work we do on campus. The Divine Nine stand on community service sisterhood or brotherhood. Every organization does work and has pride in who you are."

The Divine Nine organizations offered at K-State are Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta sorority and Sigma Gamma Rho sorority.

Even though these are traditionally and historically African-American fraternities and sororities, these groups are open to all students. If students find they share these groups' principles, they should consider joining, Muhwezi said.

"Take the time to really sit down and see what is best for you," said Muhwezi. "Look at the nontraditional, not just the Divine Nine, or the traditional houses and see what resonates with you. Decide with your heart what you want to be a part of."



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The women of Delta Sigma Theta sorority stand and represent their letters. These women joined based on the five founding principles of Delta: economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health and political awareness and involvement.



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Members of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity stand strong when representing their fraternity. The students joined Sigma based on the motto of the national Phi Beta Sigma fraternity: "Culture for service and service for humanity."

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Anton Trafimovich
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K-State was founded in 1863 as Kansas State Agricultural College. The tuition cost \$4 per term, and 52 students were enrolled the first year. To enter Kansas State Agricultural College at the end of the 19th century, it was not enough to pass exams. Governing rules required high moral standards from students, reflected in rules like this: "No person shall become a member of the college unless he presents to the faculty satisfactory testimonials of good moral character." All of the students "of good moral character" were obliged to work on campus every day without payment. The K-State campus was also a non-smoking area prior to 1944, when the rule was abolished. According to the college terms, every K-State student was required to have a garden plot and devote at least one

hour per day to cultivating vegetables. Moreover, one hour of manual work a week was required on the school's farm. For farm work, students could rely on compensation of 3 cents to 15 cents. Obedience to the rules was very strict. One student who refused to work on campus was suspended in 1870. Farming, however, wasn't the only focus of the college administration. John Anderson, the second president of the college, was responsible for expansion away from strictly agricultural orientation. George Fairchild, the third president, continued his humanitarian ideas in Manhattan. Fairchild is famous for his quote, "Not so much to make men farmers, as to make farmers men." Royal purple was chosen as the school color by a student committee consisting of two representatives from each class in 1896. The reasoning? "Because of the regal beauty

of Royal Purple and because it could not be found in use at any other school." In 1921, 25 years later, royal purple was officially approved by the faculty as the school color. Many international students at K-State today are from Asia. Back in the 19th century, however, there were just a few international students, coming primarily from England. The first international student was Decimus A. James from Honitor, England. K-State sports fans today might be surprised, but the first initiative to launch a football club in the college was rejected by the faculty in 1891. All they allowed was the purchase of a football. Five years later, in 1896, with the permission of President Fairchild, the K-State football team played its first game at Fort Riley. It was a failure with a 14-0 loss. First known as the Aggies, the mascot for the K-State football team was changed to the Wildcats

in 1915. Head coach John "Chief" Bender explained it enhanced the team's fighting spirit. As an alternative to the shopping shuttle, an electric trolley was in use in the 1920s. The trolley had a route from campus up to Poyntz Avenue. The route was discontinued in 1928. Aggville, known today as a bar and shopping district, started as a bookstore next to the campus in 1899. Once the bookstore was built, new shops started appearing around it. Aggville — short for "agricultural village" — became the first shopping district in Kansas. Materials from the Richard L. D. and Marjorie J. Morse Department of Special Collections in Hale Library were used to prepare this article.

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